



Calix

...creating new materials, solving global challenges...

Direct separation technology for capturing process CO2 emissions

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Calix Flash Calcination....“CFC”



Calix Flash Calciner (“CFC”),
Bacchus Marsh, Australia

CFC converts low value minerals to **high value materials** in a new and highly innovative way:

- low CO₂ footprint; capture and recovery of high purity gases

CFC produces “**Mineral Honeycomb**”

- micron-sized
- ultra-high surface area; nano-active and bio-active
- produced at a fraction of the cost vs. true nano-materials
- multiple disruptive applications in water, food, energy and infrastructure



Calix MgCO₃ Mine,
Australia



Ore
- MgCO₃



CO₂ Separation
Australia



Nano-active
- MgO



Satellite Hydration,
(close to customer)



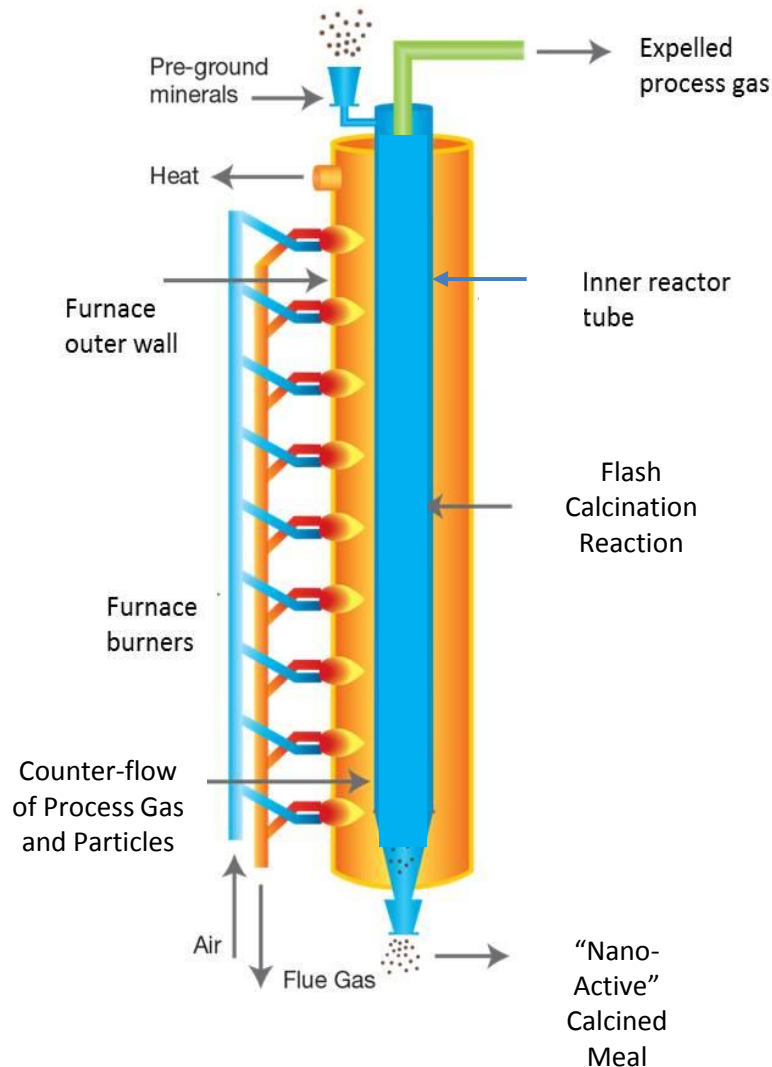
Product
- Mg(OH)₂



Packaging and
Distribution



Application
Eg Rice,
Philippines



1. Isolation of kiln furnace gases from the calcined product...

The use of indirect heating allows for control of the calcining atmosphere (inert, reducing, oxidising) plus the efficient, direct capture of CO₂ from the processing of carbonates such as limestone.

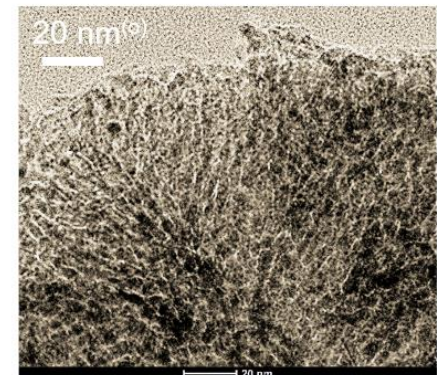
2. Calcination of micron-sized particles...

Through indirect (radiative) heating micron-sized particles in a "downer reactor" tube, far higher control and reactivity is achieved, as well as ultimate flexibility in feed (mineral) inputs by type and size.

3. Production of "nano-active" materials...

The combination of 1 and 2 is being used to produce new materials, proving to be "nano-active" in their properties while micron-sized in scale.

"we make mineral honeycomb"





Low Emissions Intensity Lime & Cement

A European Union Horizon 2020 Research & Innovation Project

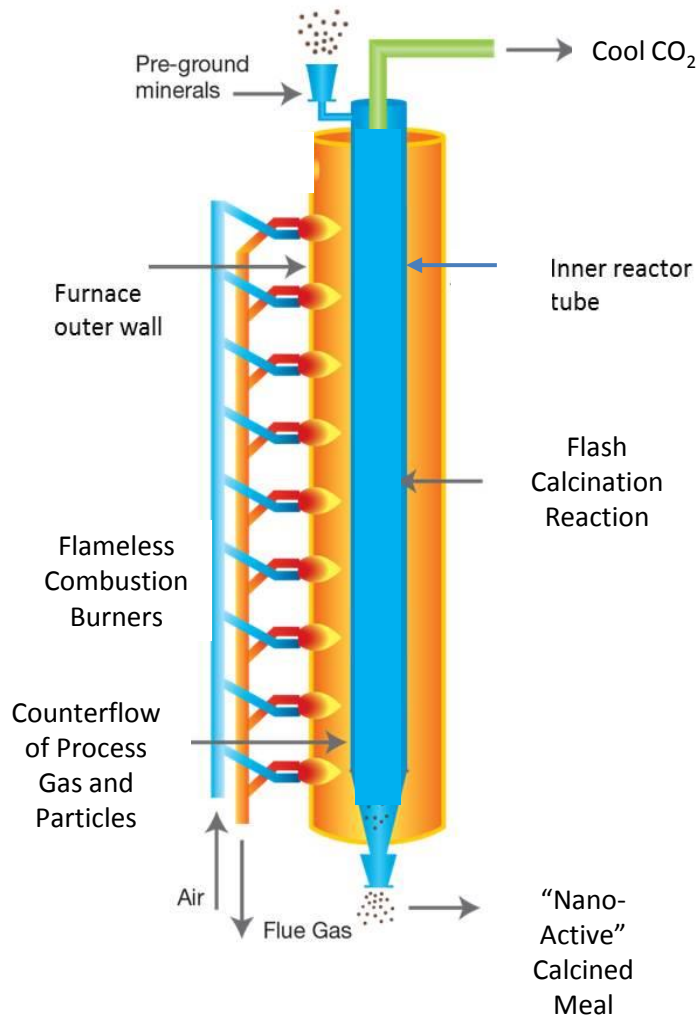
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LEILAC Project Overview

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The LEILAC (Low Emissions Intensity Lime And Cement) Project aims to apply and demonstrate a breakthrough technology that will enable Europe's cement and lime industries to reduce their emissions dramatically - **at the same time as retaining their international competitiveness.**

The Challenge:

- Around 60% of their total CO₂ emissions are **unavoidable**.
- CCS will need to be applied to **the majority of European cement plant** to meet the EU's emission reduction target
- The cement and lime industries are under **intense competitive and cost pressures**

The Concept:

Indirect heating raw meal:

- Direct capture of process-related CO₂
- 95% capture rate of pure CO₂

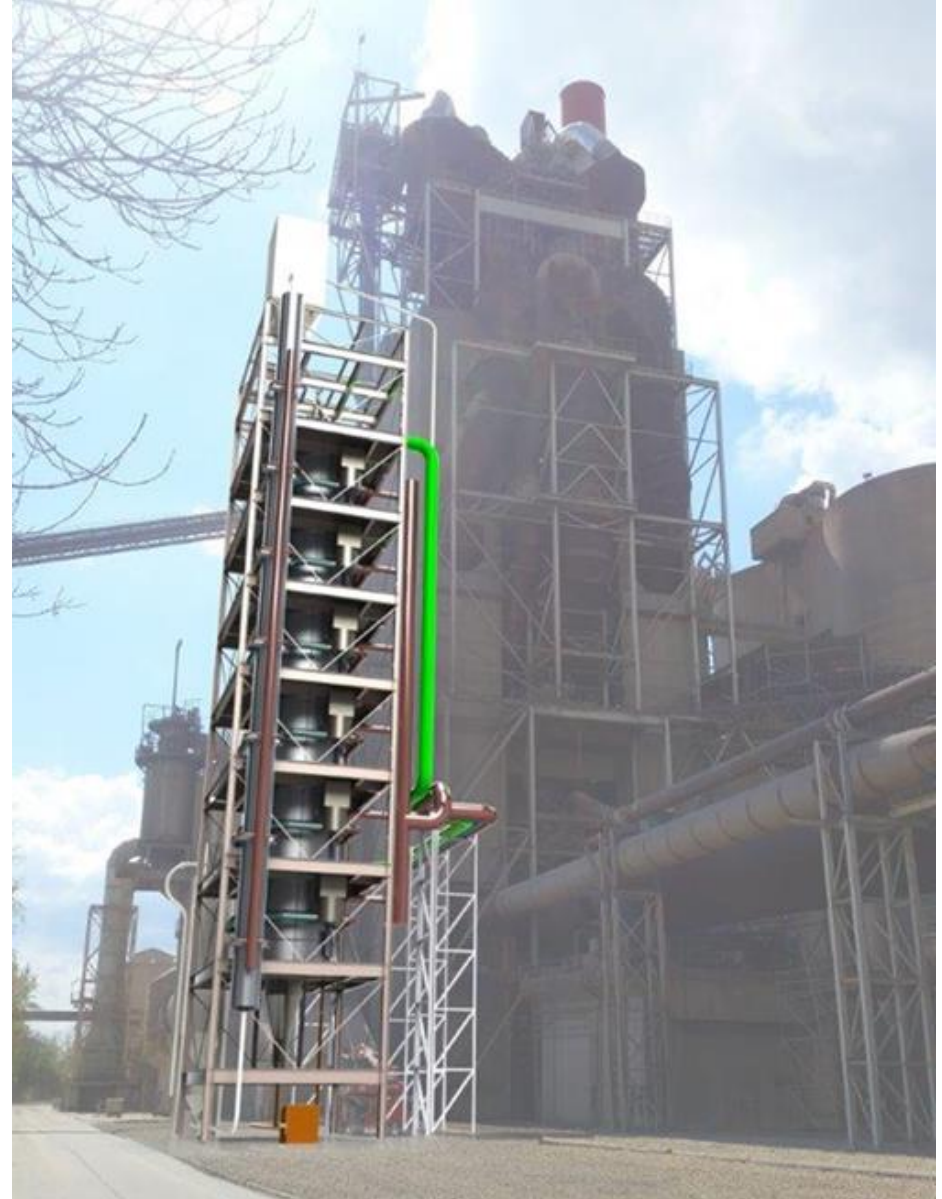
Planned **pilot plant** in Lixhe, Belgium

- Lime application 8tph
- Cement application 10tph

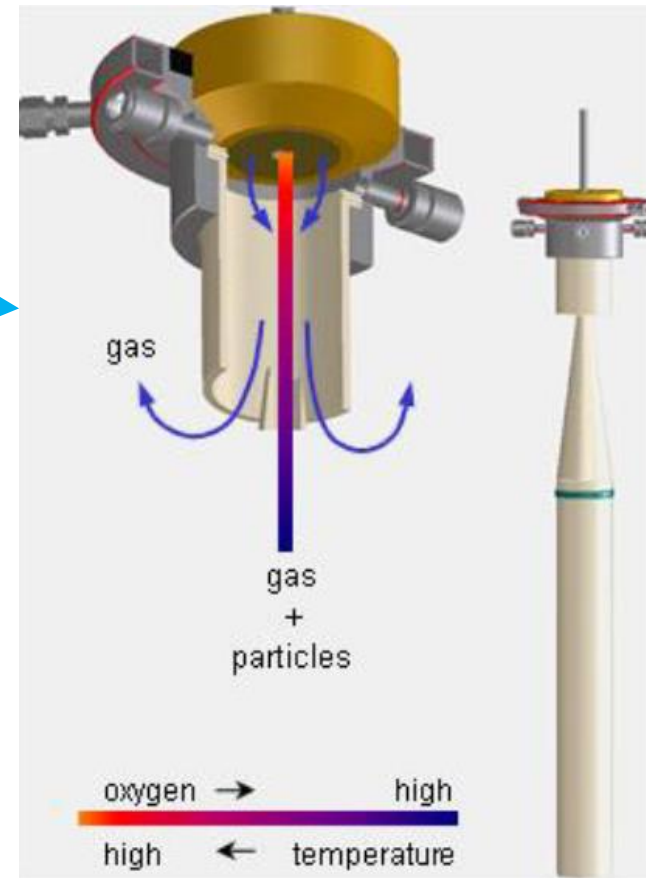
€12m **H2020 grant** plus € 9m in-kind

- 5-year project, start in 2016
- Commissioning from late 2018

- Scale-up of temperature.
- Corrosion and scale formation.
- Calcination level and throughput.
- Capital cost of the pilot.
- Future scale-up and integration.



- Key risk: stability of the chosen steel at temperatures of interest (up to 1000 °C)
- Tested using LCS:
 - 250 h
 - 86% CO₂, 14% H₂O (and 0.1% O₂)
 - 970 – 1025 °C
 - 3 g/h solids – Lixhe kiln feed
- Tested using autoclave
 - > 1000 hrs planned
 - 86% CO₂, 14% H₂O (and 0.1% O₂)
 - 950 – 1050 °C
 - No solids
- Extensive XRF studies

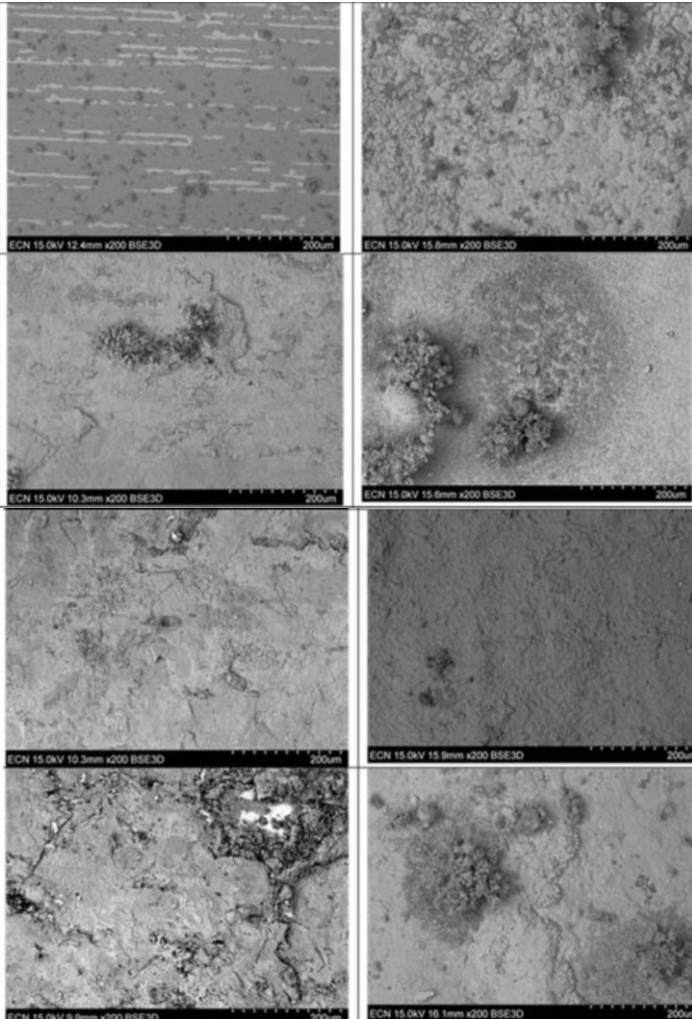


ECN's Lab-scale Combustion and Gasification Simulator (LCS)

Outer (flame)

Inner (DS)

Top



- Oxide layer on inner = 5-8 μm
- Oxide layer on outer = 3 μm (though larger towards bottom)
- More particle deposition on inner side
- More spalling and oxide separation on inner side

Conclusions:

- Growth on surface through adhesion of CaO particles on the surface
- Adhesion can induce corrosion/solid state transfer of Cl and S species
- Detachment of particles can expose bare metal

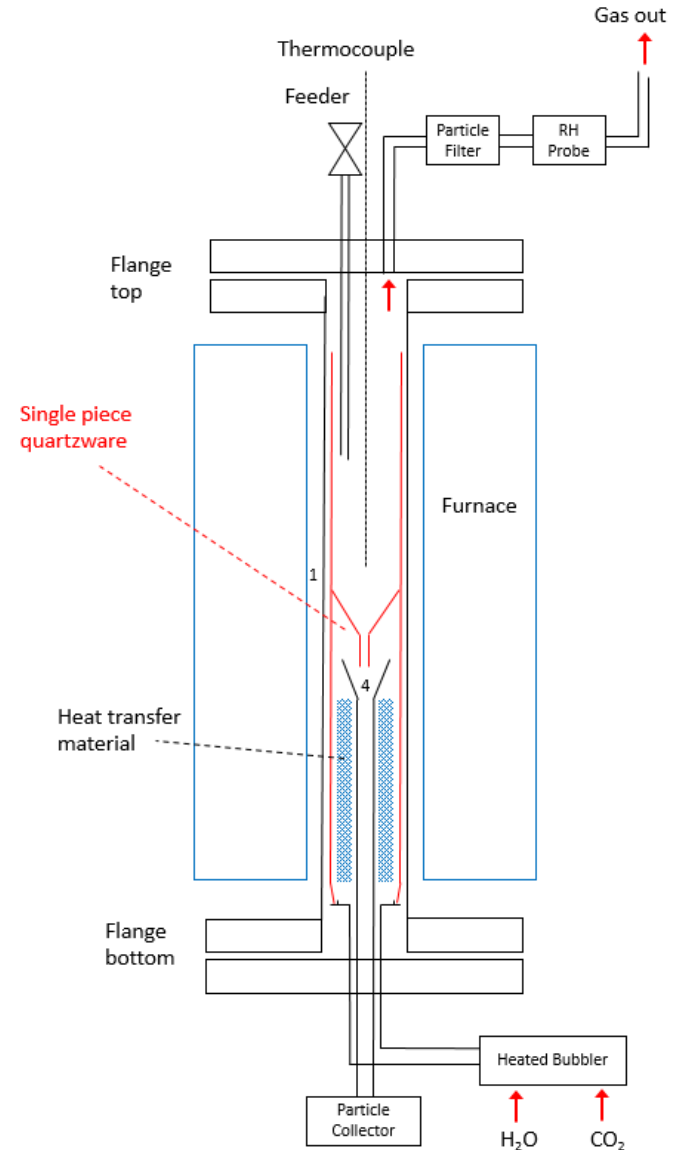
Investigating use of magnesite to generate Mg-Si phase layer to make steel resistant to CaO attack

Imperial College Overview

Imperial College are active in several R&D tasks contributing to LEILAC pre-FEED and FEED periods

Key involvement:

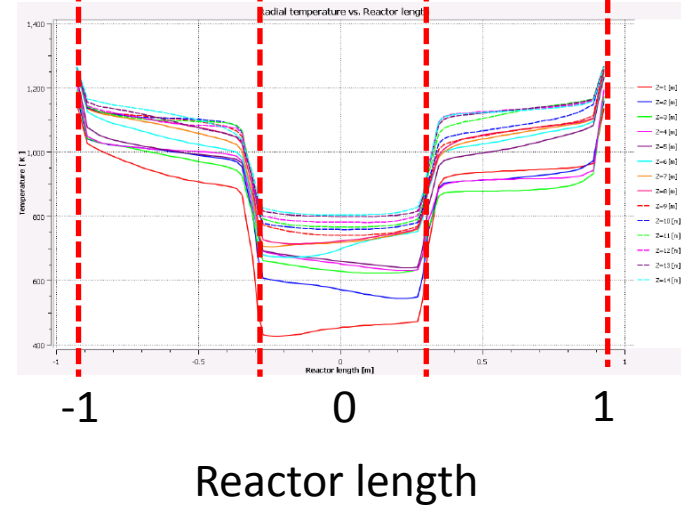
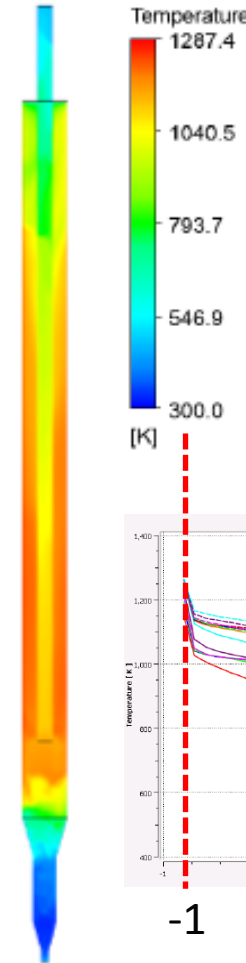
- Investigation of kinetics of calcination and re-carbonation in a steam environment; including commissioning of suspension reactor
- Product evaluation, i.e., the suitability of test products for use in cement and lime industries, using appropriate in-house test methods
- Modelling of radiative heat transfer and CFD in the Direct Separation reactor with Cemex



CFD at Imperial College



- Objective: to model pipe section of reactor
- ANSYS Fluent CFD
- Inlet conditions and design kept as close to early design of Leilac reactor as possible
- Original CO₂ vent modelled alongside calcining particles; not outer heating gas
- Structure mesh with hexahedral elements, total = 1.4m
- Wall, two layers shell mesh, total = 66k
- Max aspect ratio < 16
- Euler-Lagrange approach was taken, including discrete particle and turbulent flow models
- Preliminary results shown – reaction not included
- Validated counterflow trials in Australia



Process Modelling at PSE

1. Developed benchmarks for cement and lime with and without CO₂ capture to assess LEILAC performance
2. Transferred heat transfer and kinetics models to gPROMS advanced modelling platform, enabling additional process integration and optimization
3. Built and validated process model of the LEILAC pilot plant
4. Design criteria exceed target outputs

Benchmark technologies

Cement (Dry)

5000 ton per day clinker production

6250 ton per day cement production

5 preheat stages

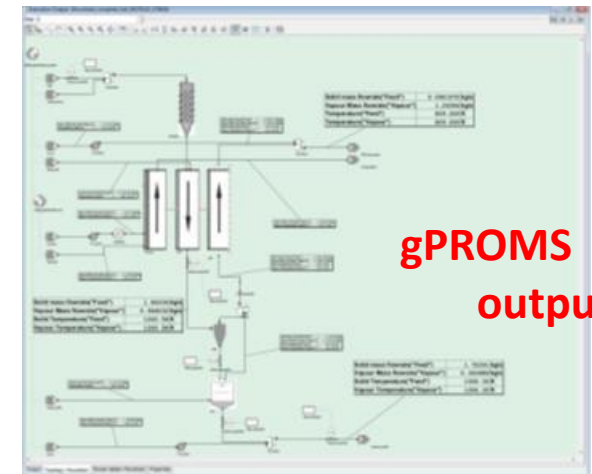
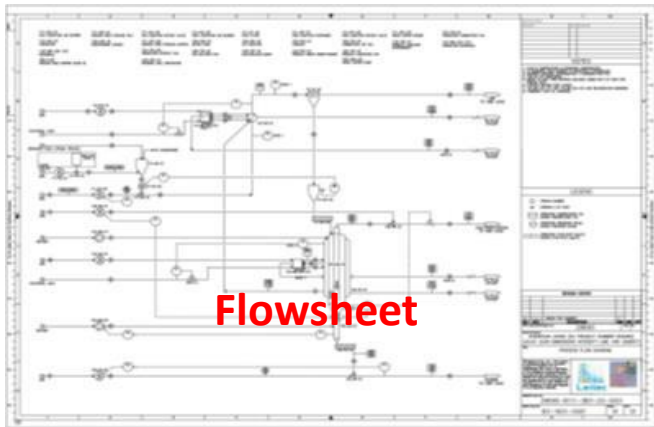
Lime

600 ton per day lime production

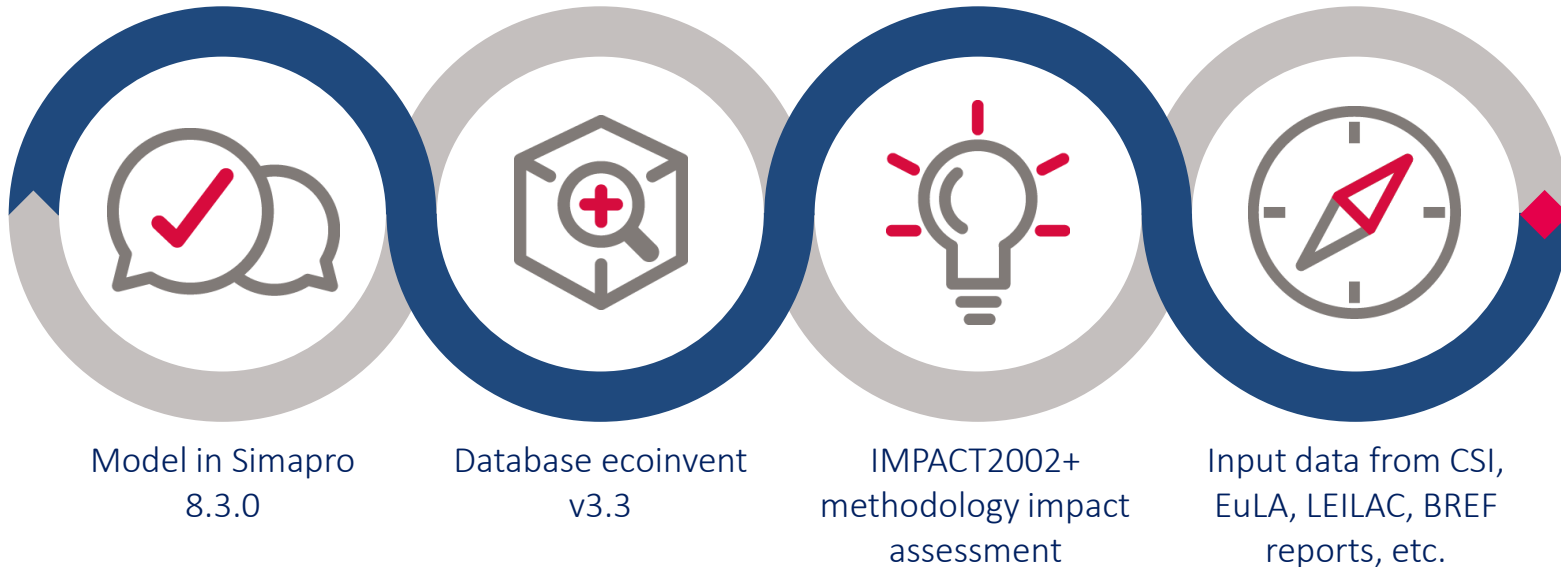
Parallel flow regenerative kiln

Natural gas fuel

Validated with partners' baseline flowsheets



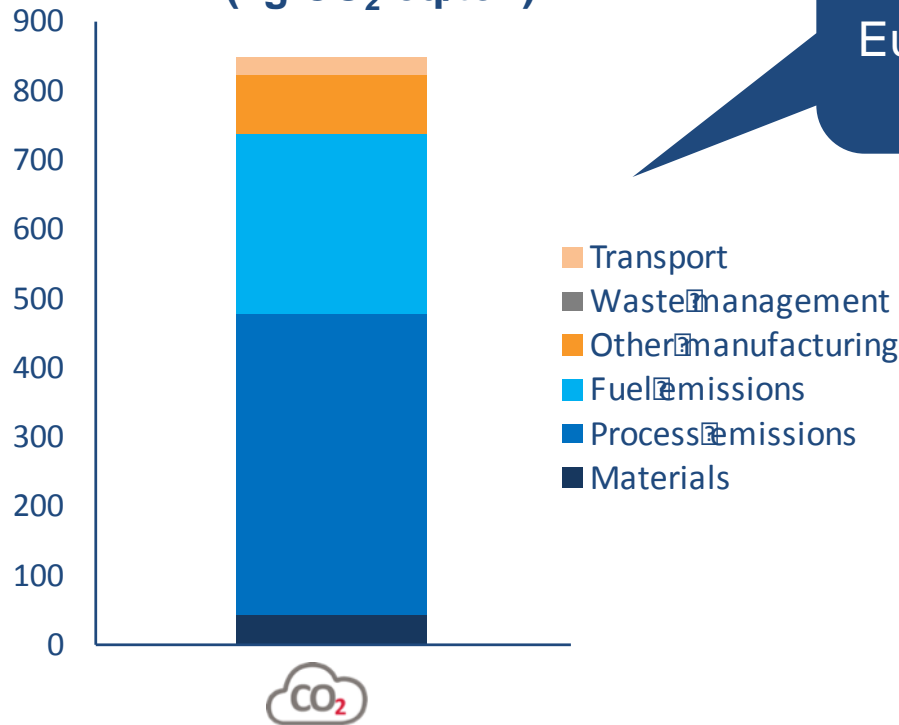
Life Cycle Assessment at Quantis



- Cradle-to-gate assessment, including raw materials extraction, processing
- Comprehensive investigation of Direct Separation benefits
- Comparison to conventional plants and current carbon capture technologies
- Focus on the following indicators:
 - GHG emissions (carbon footprint)
 - Non-renewable primary energy use (energy footprint)
 - Water use (water footprint)
 - Impacts on human health
 - Impacts on the ecosystem

Life Cycle Assessment at Quantis

Preliminary carbon footprint of 1 ton of cement produced in Europe (kg CO₂-eq/ton)



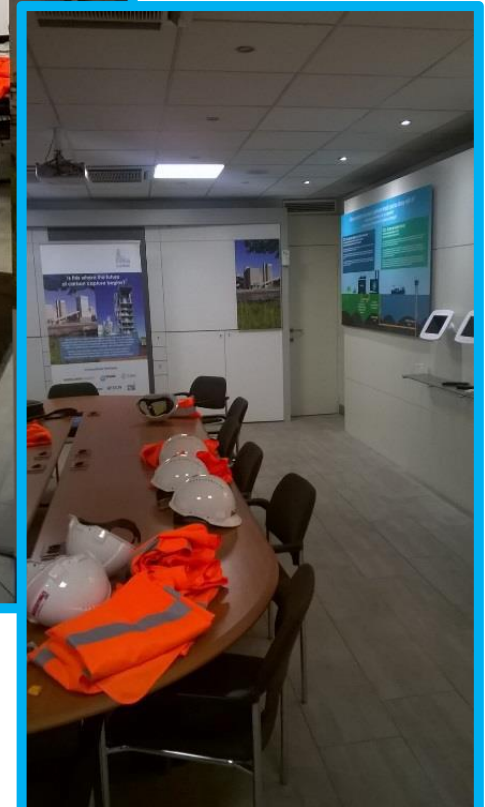
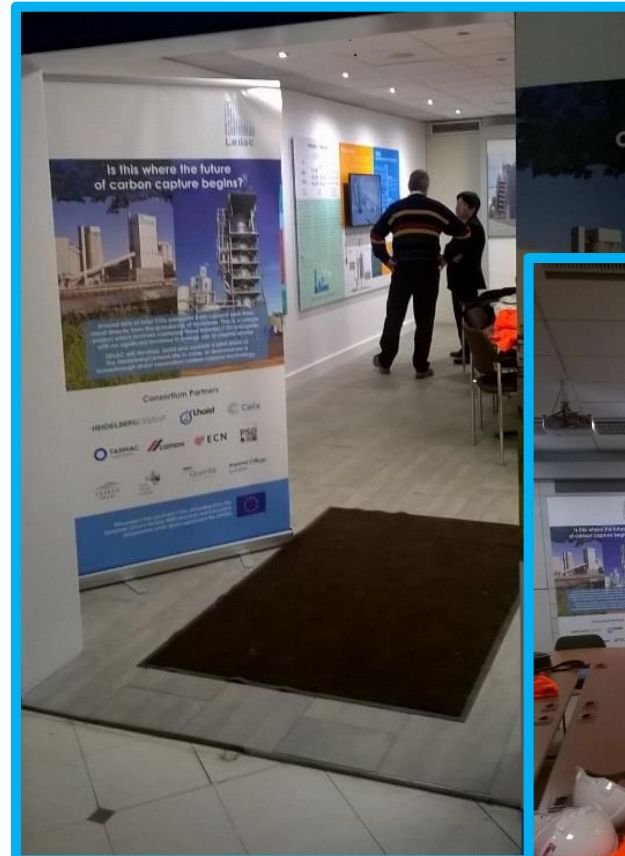
The LEILAC technology environmental footprint will be compared to average European production and best available technology for cement and lime

Process and fuel emissions during the clinker production represent **82%** of the total carbon footprint of cement

Results from the Cement Sustainability Initiative's EPD Tool for cement and concrete, developed by Quantis | European average cement

Communication Strategy at Carbon Trust

- **Come visit us!**
- Visitor Centre at Heidelberg Lixhe site and is open for duration of project
- Targeted at specialists and non-specialists alike
- Exhibits translated into 3 languages





Output

- A **pure CO₂** stream
- 5 to 10 times **more reactive product**

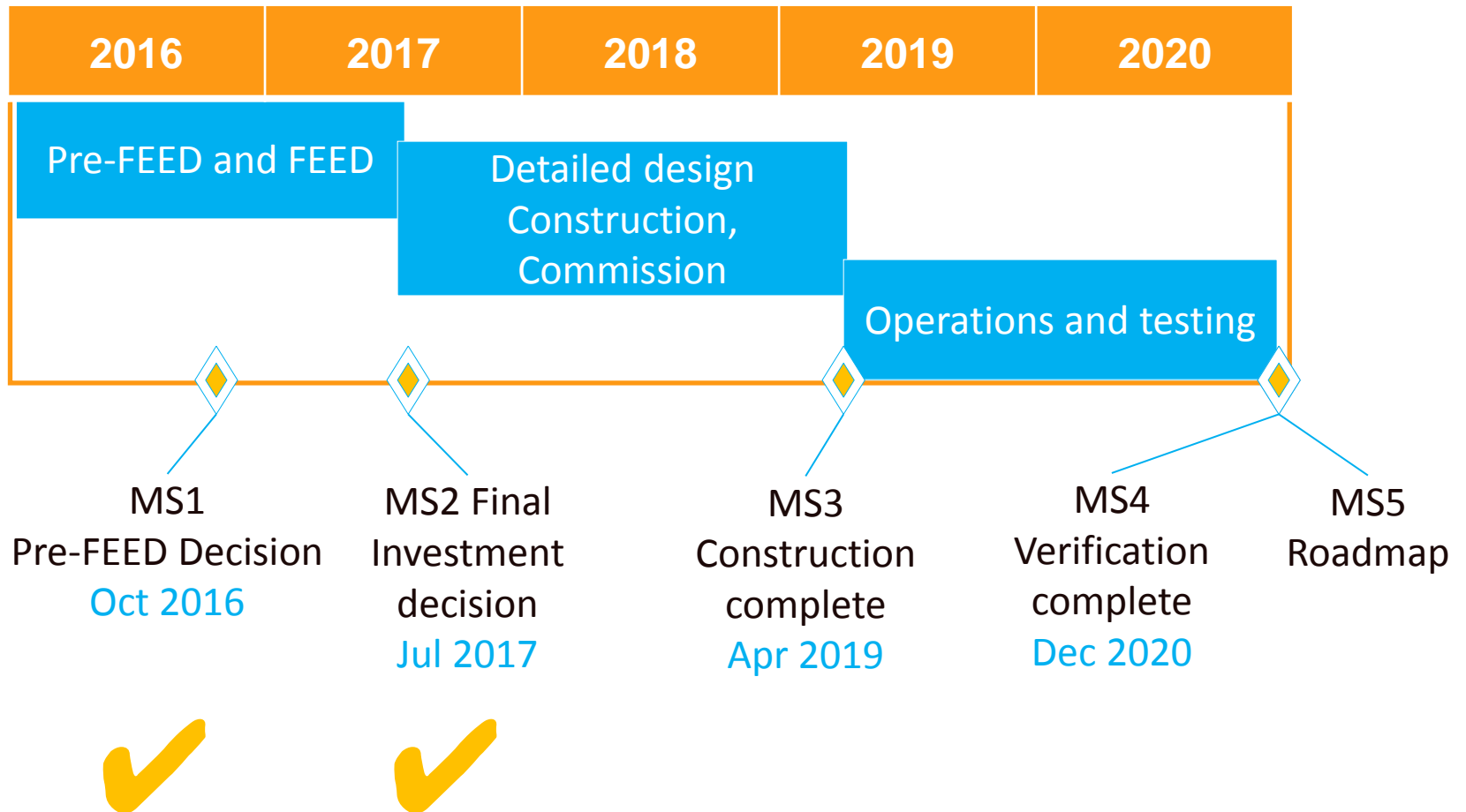
Features

- **Retrofit** (replaces existing calciner) **or new-build**
- Can be built to handle variable mineral input streams
- Can use a **variety of fuels**: gas, electricity, and (with a gasifier) biomass, waste and coal.
- Accurately controlled temperature and reactor residence time minimises sintering (loss of activity)
- Can handle fines that cannot be processed by conventional lime kilns, but appropriate for cement meal and limestone fines.
- **Enhances other CO₂ abatement technologies** (e.g. oxyfuel firing) and alternative fuels.

Cost

- Captures process CO₂ for no energy penalty (just compression).
- **Comparable capital costs** + potentially lower operating and maintenance costs to conventional kilns

LEILAC project timeline



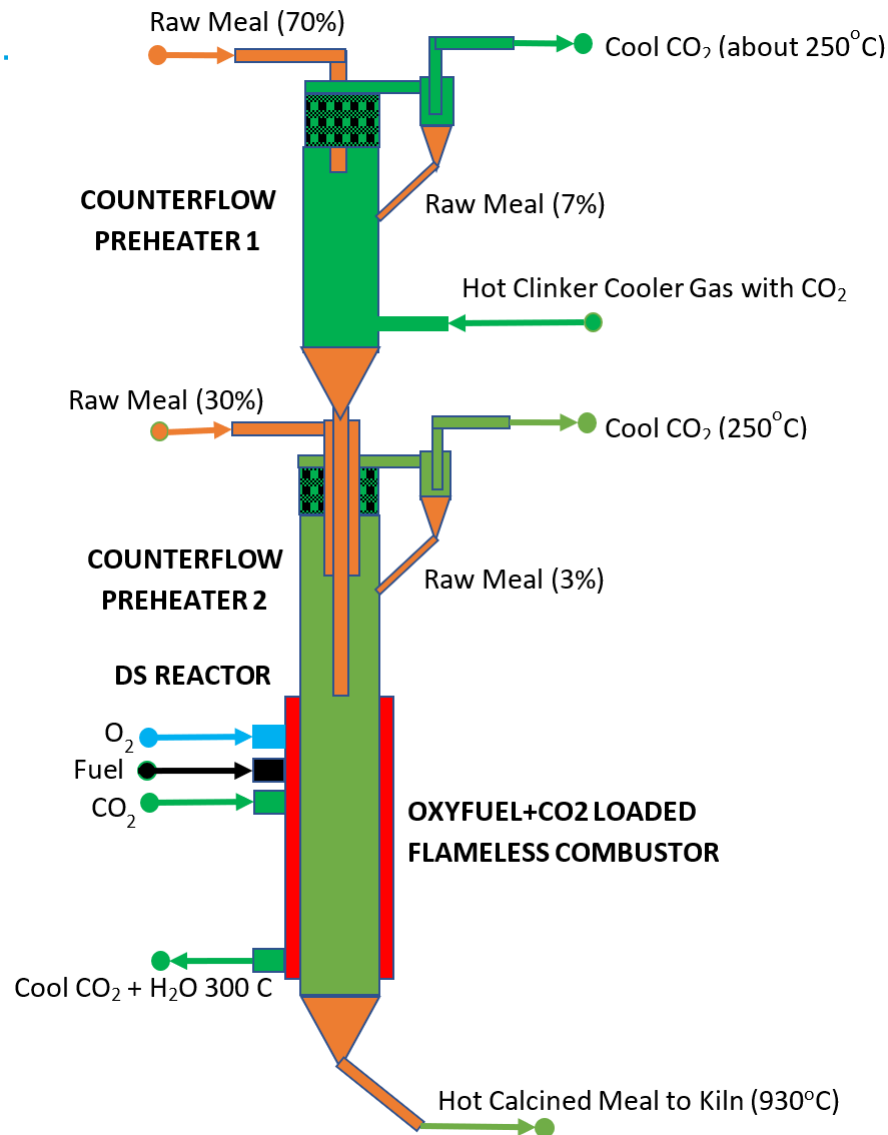
LEILAC Pilot Plant is located at CBR Lixhe, Belgium



Site of the
LEILAC
pilot plant



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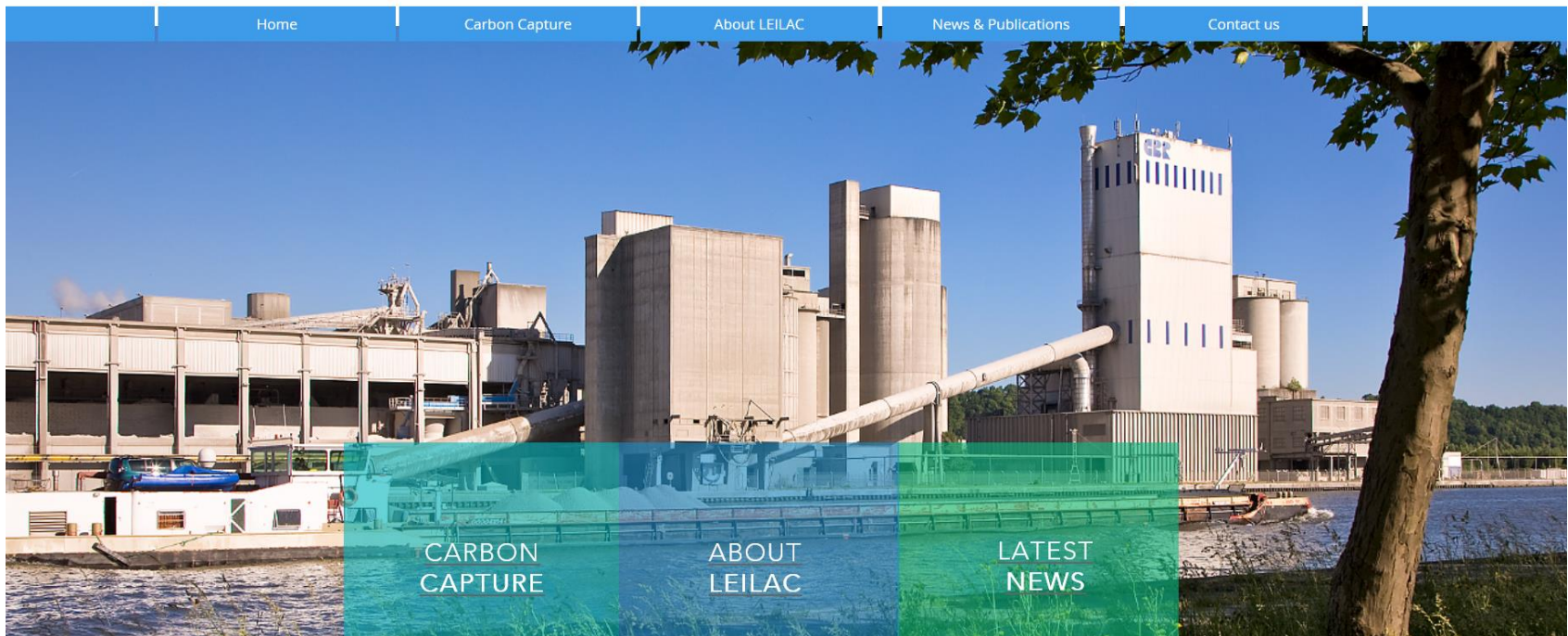


Not to Scale



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